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Cross References

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Subject Matter(s)

Drugs ☐

Organized Crime ☐

Crimes Against Person ☐

Weapons ☒

OMG ☐

Other (Specify Below) ☐

Property Crime ☐

Terrorism ☐

Extremism

Corruption ☐

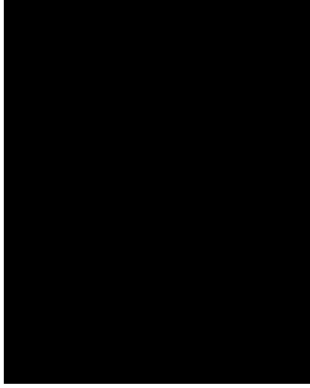
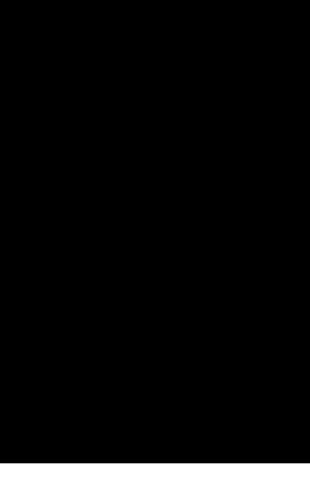
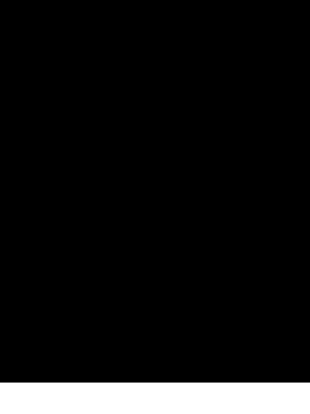
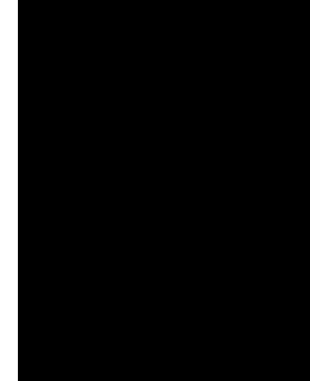
Human Trafficking ☐

Involved Organizations / Groups

Freedom Convoy 2022 – Operation BearHug 2.0

Canada-Unity

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Involved Person(s)	Insert Photos Here
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Involved Vehicle(s)

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Involved Location(s)

Relevant Photographs

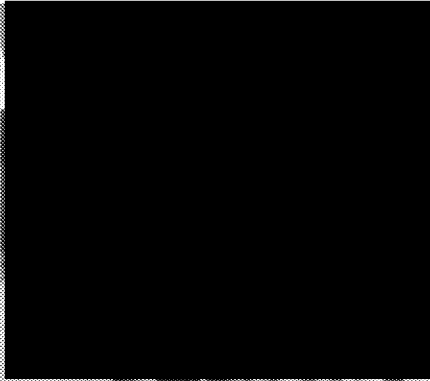
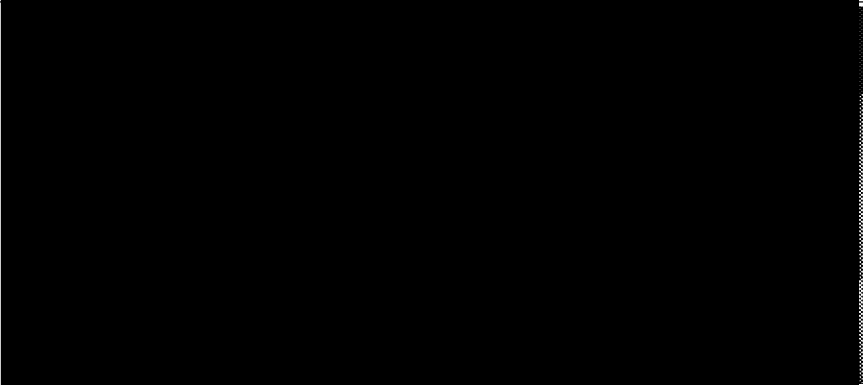
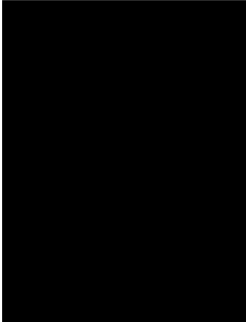
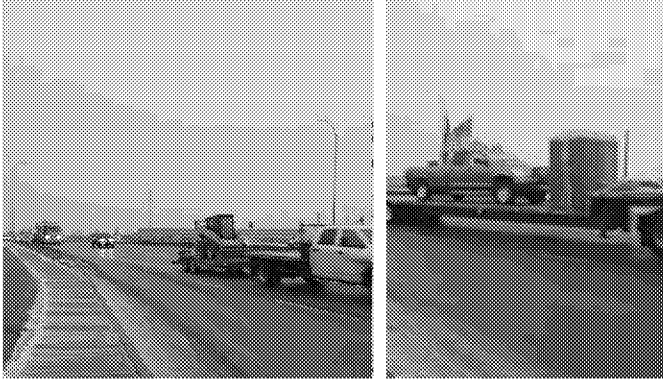
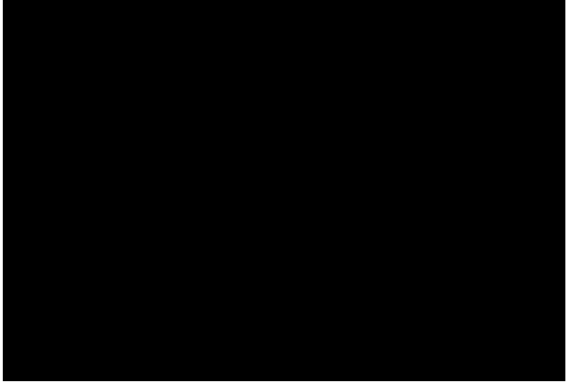
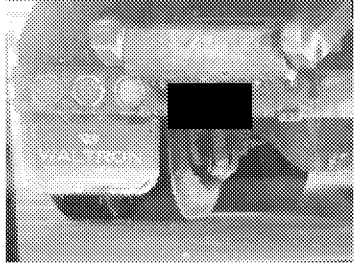
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Photos 2a and 2b: Images from social media materials depicting [REDACTED] with weapons. Source: POC Critical Incident Information Form, dated 2022/01/25	 Photo 2a Photo 2b
Photo 3: Still image of [REDACTED] taken from video streamed 2022-JAN-25, where heavy machinery can be seen going by. Source: https://www.facebook.com/freedomforusall.ca/videos/3158946244425027	 Photo 3
Photos 4a and 4b: Still images taken from live video posted by [REDACTED] depicting heavy equipment and portable toilets. Source: https://www.Facebook.com/FreedomForUsAll/315894624445027	 Photo 4a Photo 4b

Photo 5: Still images taken from live video posted by ██████████ where he comments on if heavy equipment will be used to take out road blocks. Source: https://www.Facebook.com/FreedomForUsAll/315894624445027	 Photo 5
Photo 6: Still images taken from live video posted by ██████████ Source: https://www.Facebook.com/FreedomForUsAll/315894624445027	 Photo 6
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Photo 8: Still images taken from live video posted by ██████████ depicting a heavy loader on a flatbed. Source: https://www.Facebook.com/100286905896085/videos/461712475452624	 Photo 8
Photo 9 Still image from video posted to Telegram channel 2022- THE OFFICIAL Freedom Canada Convoy. Source: Telegram	 Photo 9

Photos 10a and 10b: Image of heavy duty air compressor in the Hamilton area. Photo of license plate of truck carrying equipment. Source: OPP Field Intelligence	  Photo 10a Photo 10b
Photo 11: 2022-JAN-27: Image of crane loaded on flatbed with Convoy for Freedom sign on side observed in Odessa, ON. Source: OPP Field Intelligence	 Photo 11
Photo 12: 2022-JAN-27: Image of a construction light tower and pickup loaded on flatbed. Source: https://www.facebook.com/519876076/videos/pcb.917811465581407/977574293165956	 Photo 12

Information

BACKGROUND:

A nationally organized anti-government movement comprised of affinity groups who oppose COVID-19 public health restrictions have mobilized commercial transport trucks and passenger vehicles destined for Parliament Hill, Ottawa, on or about January 28 and 29, 2022. The main organizers have stated an intent to pressure the Federal Government into repealing all COVID-19 restrictions and / or compelling Prime Minister TRUDEAU to resign and dissolve the federal government; they have dubbed their action as: Operation BearHug 2.0.

1. On 2022-JAN-25, a complainant reported to police their concerns about Freedom Convoy participant [REDACTED] and main organizer [REDACTED] as possibly travelling with firearms. (B/R)
2. [REDACTED] of High Prairie, AB, was identified from the information provided to police. (C/R)
3. [REDACTED] holds a restricted firearms license which is expired 2021-12-22, extension period. He has four registered firearms, which must remain at his residence until renewed within the 6-month grace period. (C/R)
4. The firearms registered to [REDACTED] are: SER: H016708, MAKE: WALTHER MOD: P22, FIN: 10729882 CLASS:

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RESTRICTED FIREARMS, TYPE: HANDGUN ACTION: SEMI-AUTOMATIC; SER: H016708, MAKE: WALTHER MOD: P22, FIN: 10729882 CLASS: RESTRICTED FIREARMS, TYPE: HANDGUN ACTION: SEMI-AUTOMATIC; SER: 515ZM04649, MAKE: BROWNING MOD: BUCK MARK CAMPER, FIN: 10828324 CLASS: RESTRICTED FIREARMS, TYPE: HANDGUN ACTION: SEMI-AUTOMATIC; and SER: 6926111632, MAKE: ALFA PROJ MOD: 9261, FIN: 12724037 CLASS: RESTRICTED FIREARMS, TYPE: HANDGUN ACTION: REVOLVER. (C/R)

5. National organizer [REDACTED] is a resident of Red Deer AB, originally from Ontario, and is a suspended driver. (C/R)
6. [REDACTED] held a firearms license until 2022-AUG-02; it has not been renewed. His registration was revoked for the following firearm: SER: FXY3963, MAKE: SMITH & WESSON MOD: SD9 VE, FIN: 12646528 CLASS: RESTRICTED FIREARMS, TYPE: HANDGUN ACTION: SEMI-AUTOMATIC. It is unknown if [REDACTED] has retained possession of this firearm. (C/R)
7. [REDACTED] and main organizer of Freedom Convoy 2022, [REDACTED] appear to be associates. (Photo 1) (B/R)
8. Unconfirmed information received in the originating complaint suggested [REDACTED] would be armed while travelling. Social media content located materials depicting [REDACTED] with two handguns and ammunition captioned: "The Revolution has STARTED!" (Photo 2a and 2b) (B/R)
9. On 2022-JAN-25, [REDACTED] streamed video from the convoy while still in AB which depicted a truck towing a small excavator, a flatbed with two portable toilettes and pickup truck, as well as a rig that was carrying a piece of heavy equipment – when this one passed by him he questioned if it was coming to dig out any road blocks. (Photo 3; and Photo 4a and 4b) (B/R)
10. [REDACTED] appears to be travelling in a blue pickup truck with an associate named [REDACTED] is then identified as [REDACTED] (Photo 6 and photo 7a and 7b) (B/R)
11. ON 2022-JAN-26, Freedom Convoy 2022 organizer and main fundraiser, [REDACTED] live streamed a video where she indicates they - herself and [REDACTED] who can be observed driving – are arriving in Thunder Bay, ON, and looking for a place to park. When she pans the camera and she says: "we'll be able to see some of the trucks in our convoy here"; at which point a heavy loader on a flatbed rolls by. (Photo 8) (C/R)
12. This same piece of equipment was observed in another video posted to a Telegram group "2022-THE OFFICIAL Freedom Canada Convoy. (Photo 9) (B/R)
13. On 2022-JAN-27, deployed OPP Field Intelligence observed an industrial air compressor on a flatbed as part of convoy departing Hamilton. (Photos 10a and 10b) (C/R)]
14. MTO query of the attached license plate [REDACTED] revealed an expired Val Tag as of 2020-DEC-31, and a registered owner of Rapid Equipment Rental Limited, [REDACTED] (C/R)
15. MTO records linked to [REDACTED] President; and [REDACTED] listed as 'other'.
16. [REDACTED] of Toronto, has occurrences on file with Greater Toronto Area police agencies where he is primarily identified as a complainant. (C/R)
17. [REDACTED] of Toronto, has a low number of occurrences on file with Greater Toronto Area police agencies where he is primarily identified as a complainant and one instance of being charged for his involvement in a 2014 MVC that resulted in property damage. (C/R)
18. In the early evening hours of 27-JAN-2022, OPP Field Intelligence in Odessa, ON, observed a crane loaded on flatbed with a "Convoy for Freedom" sign affixed to the side. (Photo 11) (C/R) Source: OPP Field Intelligence
19. On 27-JAN-2022, a video posted to social media account connected to the Freedom Convoy 2022 depicted online content of images and videos with a location identified as: Guelph Line Overpass, Burlington, ON. In one of the videos was a construction light tower and pickup loaded on flatbed. (Photo 12) (B/R)

Author Comments

1. Confirmed – RMS - E220084931.
2. Confirmed – author queried license plate found in social media captures through MTO and cross referenced with information received as part of the complaint.

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3. Confirmed – author reviewed police records and social media materials prepared by POC Critical Incident Information.
4. Confirmed – author reviewed an information package supplied by POC containing police records, including CFRO records.
5. Confirmed – author reviewed an information package supplied by POC containing police records, including CFRO records.
6. Confirmed – author reviewed an information package with CFRO records detailing the firearms and licensing.
7. Confirmed – author reviewed social media materials and believes the images to be reliable, although actual relationship between [REDACTED] remains unknown.
8. Confirmed – author reviewed the images and believes they depict [REDACTED] with firearms, what is meant by the caption cannot be validated. Source: POC Critical Incident Information Form, dated 2022/01/25
9. Confirmed – author reviewed the video and believes it to be a true video from the Freedom Convoy 2022. Source: <https://www.Facebook.com/FreedomForUsAll/315894624445027>
10. Confirmed – author reviewed social media materials and believes [REDACTED] calls a male [REDACTED] social media accounts in the name [REDACTED] were located in connection to the social media accounts of [REDACTED] Source: <https://www.Facebook.com/FreedomForUsAll/315894624445027> and [www.facebook.com/\[REDACTED\]7](https://www.facebook.com/[REDACTED]7)
11. Confirmed – author reviewed videos posted to social media and where both [REDACTED] are visible, as is the equipment. Source: <https://www.Facebook.com/100286905896085/videos/461712475452624>
12. Confirmed – author reviewed video uploaded to Telegram group “2022-THE OFFICIAL Freedom Canada Convoy, source: Telegram.
13. Confirmed – police observation of vehicle, source: OPP FIELD INTEL, 2022-01-27. . Open source for make and model of air compressor: <https://www.doosanportablepower.com/mea/en/equipment/air-compressors/large-air-compressors/HP1600WCU-T3#gref>
14. Confirmed through MTO records.
15. Confirmed through MTO records.
16. Confirmed – author queried police databases. No ideologically motivated, violence, or serious criminality were found.
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18. Confirmed – police observation of vehicle, source: OPP FIELD INTEL, 2022-01-27.
19. Confirmed – Author reviewed images and believes video and stills to be part of the Freedom Convoy 2022 travelling in Burlington, ON, source: <https://www.facebook.com/519876076/videos/pcb.917811465581407/977574293165956>

CONCLUDING COMMENTS:

The information reported to police warning of the possibility [REDACTED] may be armed while travelling as part of the Freedom Convoy 2022 is of great concern to public and officer safety. Grievance-driven movements, like the Freedom Convoy 2022 and BearHug 2.0, may be more susceptible to the negative effects of heightened tensions leading to unpredictable behaviours owing to the impassioned beliefs of the participants and organizers alike. Equally, the hauling of heavy equipment great distances presents an unknown variable that is concerning to law enforcement from the view that the machinery could be used towards fortification and forming a defensive posture; or facilitating an offensive one.

While spokespersons and main organizers of the Freedom Convoy 2.0 have made public statements towards condemning violence as part of anti-government resistance, none have addressed the possibility of property damage and little is known about Operation BearHug 2.0 in terms of tactics and timelines. The means by which [REDACTED] and other national organizers will attempt to achieve a repeal of all COVID-19 public health mandates and/or a change of government remains largely unknown aside from messaging which has referenced remaining in situ indefinitely, conducting traffic disruptions and creating gridlock around Parliament Hill and surrounding areas.

Several components of the Freedom Convoy 2022 appear to be highly organized, such as modes of communications, coordination of movements, logistics, funding and provisions of food. Given these considerations, it stands to reason that at least some within the leadership apparatus of this action have a plan of how they intend to pressure the Federal government into conceding to their demands.

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Whether that includes the use of heavy equipment remains undetermined. However, even if organizers do not currently have intentions of using these machines, the availability of this type of equipment poses a significant public safety risk from where some participants may become inspired to act on account of a real or perceived deteriorating position. Preventing the equipment from entering the NCR may be one way of mitigating a known quotient of risk in a scenario where a great many unknown variables exist in relation to the true intent and capability of the Freedom Convoy 2022 and Operation BearHug 2.0.

ACIIS Summary

The involvement of weapons and heavy equipment in the Freedom Convoy 2022, Operation BearHug 2.0, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Canada-Unity.

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